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OVERALL CRIME RATE DROPS 9 PERCENT

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Police Chief Scott LaChasse reported an overall nine percent drop year-to-date in Part One crimes, which includes robbery, rape, aggravated assault, burglary, and auto theft.

Credit certainly goes to the patrol force for promptly and effectively responding to calls for service, as well as their initiation of investigations involving suspicious activities. The detectives' investigative expertise and tenacity in proactively pursuing all leads, including the service of search warrants, have also significantly contributed to the downward spiral.

The Department's vibrant cadre of volunteers was cited for their selflessness, flexibility, enthusiasm, and teamwork in performing scores of support activities which frees sworn personnel to concentrate on field and follow-up work.

Also contributing to the successes are the personnel with comprehensive and contemporary training. Further, the adoption of modern crime analysis measures is enabling the Department to be "smarter" by engaging in predictive policing.

The Chief also acknowledged the Department's large contingent of dedicated support personnel, including Communications Operators, Jailers, Records and Police Technicians, Animal Control Officers, Forensics Specialists, and Parking Control Officers.

Chief LaChasse praised members of the community for being good "eyes and ears" by immediately reporting suspicious activities and circumstances. The Department's Community Resource Officers were also credited with distributing crime alerts and conducting community meetings, the result of which contributed to "hardening the target" and prevention.

Chief LaChasse reported that the City's reduction in crime is occurring at a time when neighboring jurisdictions are posting crime increases.

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